

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: KAUP *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 3733

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 20, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on May 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include a new drawing sheet and replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including one new drawing sheet and three replacement drawing sheets is attached following page 11 of this paper.